

Ireland Has Demons and Fairies as Well as the Sinn Fein

Pagan Superstitions Persist

Lady Gregory Describes Many Quaint Beliefs and Visions of the Irish Country Folk

CELTIC IRELAND is perhaps the only European country in which fairies and demons and witches still maintain their supremacy. Possibly there is a racial explanation for this fact; wherever the Celt has survived he has saved many of his old pagan beliefs from the double assault of Christianity and nationalism. Tales of the supernatural and wider evidence in Brittany and Wales and the Highlands of Scotland than in the Latin and Saxon portions of France and Britain.

At any rate, there can be no question of the vigor and sincerity of Irish belief in the existence of beings from other worlds who influence human lives for good or ill. Lady Gregory has made an exhaustive study of Irish folk-beliefs, and her two-volume work, "Visions and Beliefs in the West of Ireland" (Putnam's), describes many strange and wondrous happenings, simply related to the author by the farmers and fishermen of the Irish countryside. Lady Gregory gives the following account of the Sidhe, the Irish fairies:

Two Races of Fairies
"There are two races among the Sidhe. One is tall and handsome, gay, and given to jesting and to playing pranks, leading us astray in the fields, giving gold that turns to withered leaves or to dust. These ride on horses through the night-time in large companies and troops or ride in coaches, laughing and decked with flowers and fine clothes. The people

of the other race are small, malicious, wide-bellied, carrying before them a bag. When a man or woman is about to die, a woman of the Sidhe will sometimes cry for a warning, keening and making lamentation. At the hour of death fighting may be heard in the air or about the house—that is, when the man in danger has friends among the shadows, who are fighting on his behalf."

Banshees and the Evil Eye
There is infinite variety in the legends of "knowledgeable" women, of banshees that sound the death warning with their wailing, of the potent evil eye. One form of psychic possession that is frequently met with is the loss or transference of personality. Some spirit enters into the body of a man or woman, usually the latter. Sometimes the original personality is restored; sometimes it is lost forever. Or a child is suddenly endowed with a gift of soothsaying; and exorcisms have to be practiced to save him from the domination of the intruding spirit. The return of the dead is a frequent phenomenon. Here is a typical story illustrating the lively interest which the dead maintain in those whom they leave behind:

"There was a woman in Ballinamore died after the baby being born. And the husband took another wife and she was very young, that every one wondered she'd like to go into the house. And every night the first wife came to the loft, and looked down at her baby, and they couldn't see her, but they'd know she was there by the child looking up and smiling at her."

"So at last some one said that if they'd go up in the loft after the cock crowing three times they'd see her. And so they did, and there she was, with her own dress on, a plaid shawl she had brought from America, and a cotton skirt with some edging at the bottom."

"So they went to the priest and he said mass in the house, and they didn't see so much of her after that. But after a year the new wife had a baby. And one day she hid the first child rock the cradle. But when she sat down to it a sort of sickness came over her, and she could do nothing, and the same thing always happened, for her mother didn't like to see her caring for the second wife's baby."

"She Did It"
"And one day the wife herself fell in the fire and got a great many burns, and they said that it was she did it."

"So they went to the blessed well Tubbermaedagh, near Kinnvara, and they were told to go there every Friday for twelve weeks, and they said seven prayers and gathered seven stones every time. And since then she doesn't come to the house, but the little girl goes out and meets her mother at a fairy bush. And sometimes she speaks to her there, and sometimes in her dreams. But no one else but her own little girl has seen her of late."

The work includes two scholarly essays, set down in the simple language of the common people. Mr. Yeats displays a strong tendency towards mysticism and looks with a sympathetic eye upon the beliefs and legends of his countrymen. He interprets the visions described by Lady Gregory in terms of Blake and Swedenborg. He compares the supposed achievements of the Irish seers and "wise women" with the testimony given at the trial of witches and wizards in the British Isles during the seventeenth century. He examines the cases of hypnotism, telepathy, spirit materialization, etc., in the light of similar psychical phenomena in other countries.

The rich imaginative and poetic vein in Irish character is strikingly brought out in this study of Celtic folklore. To read Lady Gregory's book is to leave the modern workaday world of law and science and step into a classic or medieval fairyland, where nothing happens according to rule.

Books Received

Fiction
HANNAN BYE. By Harrison S. Morris. Published by the Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia.
A picture of Quaker life in a modern community.

WITH OTHER EYES. By Norma Lott. Published by Brentano's, New York.
A story of southwestern England by the author of "A Wife Out of Egypt."

THE PREVENTIVE MAN. By G. V. McFadden. Published by John Lane Company, New York.
A tale of smugglers off the English coast in the last century.

THAT AFFAIR AT ST. PETER'S. By Edna Brown. Published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, New York.
A mystery story based upon the disappearance of silver from a church.

SOME NEPHEW. By C. S. Montague. Published by Moffat, Yard & Co., New York.
The highly diverting and uproarious story of an ebullient small boy who finally becomes a movie star.

THE MARGARET BOOK. By Alfred Clark. Published by John Lane Company, New York.
A new novel by the author of "My Erratic Pal." Following a modern English practice, much of the book is in verse.

LINNY LOYD. By Marie E. Hoffman. Published by Mallory Books, Boston.
A tale of the Southern mountaineers.

SUNSHINE IN UNDERWOOD. By Jessie



LADY GREGORY, whose "Visions and Beliefs in the West of Ireland" (Putnam's) gives an interesting picture of Irish beliefs and superstition

Champion. Published by John Lane Company, New York.
A cheerful story of English life by the author of "Jimmy's Wife."

Verse
POEMS. By A. L. Kips. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.
Verse chiefly inspired by outdoor themes.

THE CAIRN OF STARS. By Francis Carlin. Published by Henry Holt & Co., New York.
Musical, lulling poems, with a strong Celtic atmosphere, by the author of "My Ireland."

THE FIVE BOOKS OF YOUTH. By Robert Hilber. Published by Brentano's, New York.
These poems combine vivid modern imagery with classical restraint of expression.

Juvenile
VERSE. By William Cary Sanger, Jr. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.
Poems of war and peace.

THE GOLDEN STAIRCASE. Edited by Louisa Chisholm. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.
A number of more or less well-known poems carefully selected for children.

WHEN I WAS A BOY IN SCOTLAND. By George McPherson Hunter. Published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, New York.
A clergyman's account of his childhood in the land of kilts and bagpipes.

BOBBY AND THE BIG ROAD. By Maud Lindsay. Published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, New York.
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WHEN I WAS A BOY IN PERSIA. By Young H. Mura. Published by Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, New York.
The story of an Oriental boyhood published in the "Children of Other Lands" books.

Miscellaneous
WHAT BIRD IS THAT? By Frank M. Chapman. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York.
The brief descriptions in this book help to identify the summer and winter birds.

LABOR'S CHALLENGE TO THE SOCIAL ORDER. By John Graham Brooks. Published by the Macmillan Company, New York.
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A simple, popular account of Einstein's theory. It includes Professor Einstein's own explanation of his theory, written for "The London Times."

THE LEARNED LADY IN ENGLAND 1660-1760. By Myra Williams. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company, New York and Boston.

A scholarly study of the subject, written by a Vassar graduate and brought out in the Vassar semi-centennial series.

YANKEE INGENUITY IN THE WAR. By Frank Parker Stockbridge. Published by Harper & Bros., New York.
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ADULT AND CHILD. By James L. Hughes. Published by C. W. Barden, Syracuse.
A study of the most effective methods in teaching children.

HISTORY OF THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON, S. C. 1812-1912. By William Way. Published by The Society, Charleston, S. C.

A record, compiled from original sources, of the activities of the society and its leading members.

AN AVIATOR'S WIFE. By Adelaide Ovington. Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.
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The Life of Herbert Hoover

Career of Former Food Administrator Described by Vernon Kellogg

CAPACITY for self-advertising is not included among Mr. Hoover's many talents. Far from seeking publicity, he actually shrinks from it. Few men have accomplished such big and spectacular work with such a consistent suppression of the personal note. Under these circumstances Mr. Hoover is peculiarly fortunate to have such an able biographer as Mr. Vernon Kellogg.

"Herbert Hoover: The Man and His Work" (Appleton) presents the picturesque aspects of the former Food Administrator's career with appealing vividness. At the same time it avoids the banalities of too obvious hero-worship.

Born of Quaker parents in a little Middle-Western town, Herbert Hoover was soon thrown largely upon his own resources. As a boy he developed a bent for engineering, and, after a course of self-administered instruction, he entered Leland Stanford University with the first class in the institution's history. Very early in life he seems to have acquired the faculty of meeting any emergency successfully.

So, needing an extra credit in physiology to enter Stanford, he mastered enough of the subject within thirty-six hours to pass the entrance examination. Again, when he applied for a position under a leading mining engineer and was told that there was only room for a typist, he mastered a typewriter in four days and thereby obtained an opening.

Before the war brought him into worldwide prominence Mr. Hoover's work had been unusually fascinating and exciting. He discovered and managed mines all over the world, in China, Australia, Russia, and other countries. He was in China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion and participated with

the other foreigners in the defense of Tientsin against the fanatical insurgents.

Mr. Kellogg is at great pains to vindicate Mr. Hoover from the familiar charge of being an "Englishman." He points out that Hoover's work took him all over the world, that he spent only a small part of his time in London and that he made frequent visits to the United States. He always maintained a warm interest in his alma mater, Leland Stanford, and delivered a series of lectures on mining engineering there at one time. It is interesting to learn that Mr. Hoover upholds the need for theoretical as against practical preparation in his own field. He believes that an engineer with good scientific training can very quickly pick up practical experience in his actual work.

The Belgian Experience
Mr. Kellogg was closely associated with Mr. Hoover in the monumental work of Belgian relief, and his chapter on this subject is perhaps the best in the book. The mere feeding of ten million human beings was a colossal task. Moreover, Mr. Hoover's path was beset with innumerable diplomatic obstacles.

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British military and naval circles was opposed to letting any food enter territory occupied by the Germans. The more ruthless German militarists, headed by Count Reventlow, wished to starve the Belgians in order to force the Allies to lift the blockade of the German ports. The German military authorities in Belgium and France treated the relief workers with suspicion and hostility and placed every possible obstacle in their way.

Yet Hoover went on successfully, suppressing as best he could his disgust at the obstructionist tactics of the Germans for the sake of the Belgian children, who must be saved from starvation. What he thought of German rule in Belgium is very well summed up in his reply to the proposal that he should cooperate with two former German officials there in arranging food relief for Germany after the armistice.

His Famous Message
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